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In the application of:

Chatterjee et al.

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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.183

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.183, applicant respectfully requests suspension of Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.28 in the above-referenced matter insofar as the Rule sets forth a two month limit for requesting a refund due to changing status to a small entity.

Factual Background

The above-referenced patent application was filed on May 9, 1997, with payment based on non-small entity status, due to our inability to obtain the signed document verifying small entity status in time for filing. We have since obtained this document. However, due to

01/23/1998 NVILLARI 00000038 08836455 01 FC:122 130.00 0 inadvertent clerical error, we failed to file a request for refund within two months of filing, as the rule specifies. Applicants' attorney discovered this error during review of an otherwise routine filing for request for refund, and immediately filed this petition. The assignee for this application is a small entity, and has filed a number of patent applications in the P.T.O. as a small entity.

Requested relief

Applicants request the Office suspend the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28 that a request for refund (due to establishment of small entity status) be filed within two months of filing the application.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is attached, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No.** 03-1952.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:November 12, 1997

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